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THE FOREIGN TRADE OF
CHINA.

The latest report on the foreign trade of China issued by the I.M.C. states that the hope of a revival of foreign trade, which seemed to be justified on a review of the conditions prevailing in the beginning of 1908, was not realized. Depression reigned almost universally from the beginning of the year to its close. The continuous fall in the value of silver was discouraging to the import trade in general, and, in the already languid state of the market, it played an important part in the history of an unprofitable year.

There is no doubt that in the next few years China will make strides towards the position of an industrial nation, for which she is destined by virtue of her natural resources and the character of her people, and to this end education as well as official encouragement should be directed. Too much is heard of adulteration, of watered cotton, slaty coal, and dirty wheat; and the splendid tea and silk trades are being endangered by the retention of primitive methods of production in the face of a formidable foreign competition.

The direct foreign trade during the year gives a net value of Hk. Tls. \$71,165,881, as compared with Hk. Tls. 680,782,066 in 1907; and it consists of imports to the value of Hk. Tls. 394,505,478 and exports to the value of Hk. Tls. 276,680,403, compared with Hk. Tls. 416,401,389 and Hk. Tls. 284,380,697 respectively in 1907.

The decrease in the value of imports is about Hk. Tls. 25,000,000; but owing to a general rise in silver values resulting from the lower exchange, the real decrease in the volume of imports is much greater than the difference of value would indicate.

Entries and clearances totalled 207,605—steamers, sailing vessels, and junks,—and the falling off, as compared with the figures for 1907, of 10,327, was due to the smaller number of junks recorded at Mengtze, Kowloon, and Shanghai. The total tonnage—83,991,280 tons—was, nevertheless, once more the largest on record, showing an increase of 3,881,805 tons. At Dairen there was an addition of 1,389,070 tons, and at the Yangtze ports an addition of 2,787,000 tons. Tonnage under the British flag increased by 1,089,000, and, with a total of 34,056,701 tons, was 41 per cent. of the whole; while the Japanese flag, with a total of 18,055,138, or 21.5 per cent. of the whole, shows a gain of 2,458,925 tons, of which 1,133,000 tons were added at Dairen. French shipping increased by 380,000 tons, principally at Yangtze ports, showing a total of 5,071,789 tons; and under the Chinese flag 400,000 tons were gained by steamers, while junks lost 140,000 tons.

In China, as elsewhere, there has been an over supply of tonnage, resulting from the excessive shipbuilding of recent years, and freights have been low.

Taking the Chinese ports by themselves and treating Hongkong as a foreign port there appears a total exodus of 531 million taels—111 million in gold and 124 million in silver.

Regarding the export of precious metals, there was a net export from the commercial area of Hk. Tls. 12,614,435, and this export was of gold, there being a gain of Hk. Tls. 1,129,792 of silver. Hk. Tls. 11,249,000 in gold went to Europe from Chinese ports, mainly from Shanghai, Hk. Tls. 2,310,000 to India from Hongkong, and Hk. Tls. 1,135,000 to Siam from Hongkong; while Chinese ports received Hk. Tls. 387,701 in gold from Japan, and Hongkong Hk. Tls. 1,408,544 from San Francisco. Of silver, Chinese ports gained over 2 million taels from Europe and over 24 million taels from America; but lost over 24 million to Japan, Korea, Siam, the Straits, and India; while Hongkong gained 41 million from Australia, losing 44 million to the Straits, 24 million to India, and 1 million to Indo-China.

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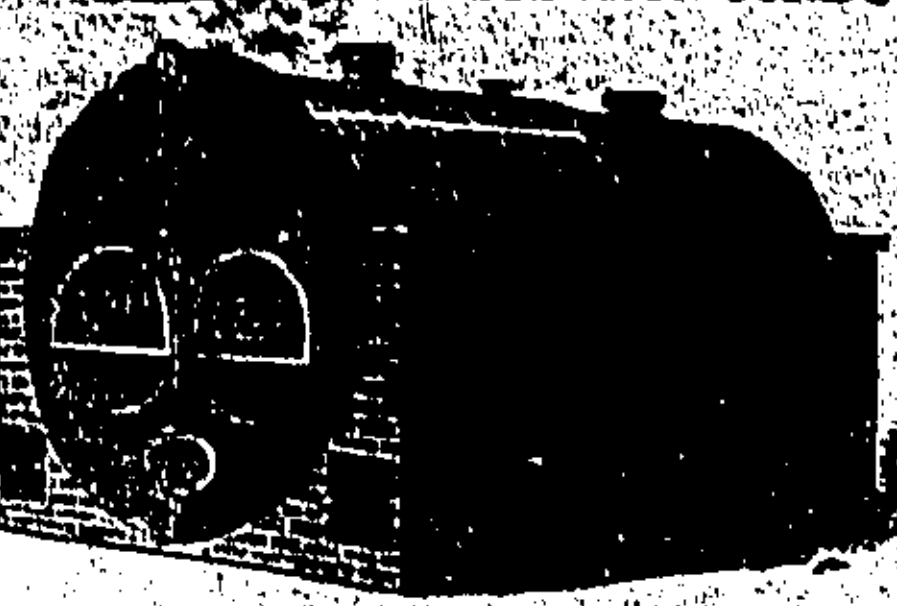
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SATURDAY, 11th September, 1909, at
SIX O'CLOCK, for the purpose of receiving
the Report of the Directors and the
Statement of Accounts for the 11 months ending
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Committee and Auditors.

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11th September, 1909, both days inclusive.
By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, August 27, 1909. 108

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MEETING of Shareholders will be
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DAY, the 11th September, 1909, at 3 p.m.
for the purpose of receiving a Statement of
Accounts of the Company to the 30th June,
1909, with the Report of the Directors,
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Hongkong, September 2, 1909. 1110

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THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING of the Shareholders in the above
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the Report of the General Managers, to-
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nouncing his intention of being lowered
into the crater of Mount Asama, an active
volcano situated in the centre of the main
island of Japan. His reasons were two-
fold, physiological and geological. The
worthy professor has furnished the Ka-
kum Shinbun with a long account of
the proceedings, from which we extract the
following:

The outfit by which the descent was made
consisted of one frame, a ladder-like
structure, fifteen feet long, with a roller
at one end over which the rope attached to
my body passed. This frame could be
extended over the crater's mouth suffi-
ciently to free the rope from all entangle-
ments with the rocks, at the same time it gave
sufficient leverage for the men in charge
of the frame to handle a weight ten times
that of my body. Then twelve sturdy
level-headed men were selected, four to
take charge of the frame, four to handle
the rope by which I was let down, and four
to cast into the crater projectiles at a given
signal. A thirteenth was to be a signal
man. A thermometer and barometer, a
coil of wire to test the point of fusing, a
gas tester, and a napkin saturated with
dilute ammonia to apply to the mouth and
nose if suddenly exposed to sulphurous
fumes, were part of the precautions against
accident and for the purpose of investiga-
tion.

We cannot, says the Professor, give
the scientific results of the descent at
this time; suffice it to say that the
experiment proved satisfactory and suc-
cessful far beyond our highest expecta-
tions. In addition to what we had
expected we were favoured with four grand
explosions while on the rim of the crater.
Had the crater been filled with lava and
flowed down the side of the mountain it
would not have been an exhibition
equal to what we saw. On four
different occasions while there a shower
of red-hot stones was shot up. In
three cases these rose more than one
hundred feet above the crater's mouth, and
flew over our heads into the mountain side.
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of the crater nearly forty rods in length
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stone but owing to the protection of a stiff
heavy hat was not injured. We all dodged
large stones as they fell. A red-hot stone
of the size of a man's head fell within three
feet of a lady in the party. The ascent of
the mountain was made in the daytime of
August 23; instead of in the night as is
usual with most who climb Asama. The
original intention was to have gone into the
crater at several points over a short dis-
tance, thus making preliminary explorations
before sunset. But owing to the leisurely
manner in which the coolies came up with
the tackle and frame this was not accom-
plished. About 7 p.m., while lunching
near to the place chosen for the descent,
which was to have taken place about 8
p.m., I was interrupted by the first explo-
sion, which occurred at 7.40 p.m. After
this the verdict of all the party save one was
that the descent should not be made because
of the danger consequent upon the unusual
activity of the volcano. As a com-
promise after another occurred until 5 a.m. of
Sept. 24th, when the severest of all the
explosions took place, our exploring party
was pretty thoroughly scattered. All save
one seemed to have reached the conclusion
that the descent would not be made. One
hour later at 6 a.m. the descent and safe
exit was accomplished.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPT. 10, 1909.

SOME PROBLEMS OF WESTERN CHINA.

MAJOR H. R. DAVIES, 52nd Oxfordshire Light Infantry, in his recently published book, "Yunnan, the link between India and the Yangtze," throws a certain amount of dry light upon some of the many problems connected with one of the great trade routes of China, and puts forth a scheme which will undoubtedly come up for at least a partial solution before many decades are sped. Some day, no doubt, the iron horse will run through China from Burma to Shanghai—the Yunnan railway or another—and the Westminister Gazette asks if Britishers are content to leave the trade of Western China to the enterprise of France from Tonkin? The great province of Yunnan, some 150,000 miles square, with about 10,000,000 inhabitants, stretches for 300 miles along the Burmese frontier, and beyond Yunnan lies Szechuan, the largest and richest province of the

Chinese Empire, and beyond Szechuan lies the whole of Eastern China, the greatest trading area of the world. It is enough, as one reviewer writing at his ease in London remarks, to make the commercial possibilities vast. But that is about as far as it will go at present.

How to increase the trade of land-locked Yunnan and the regions lying beyond with the Burmese ports and prevent it from being deflected through Tonkin has attracted the absorbed attention of many travellers and writers. Major DAVIES, like Colonel LLOYD, RONALDSEY and others who have studied the problem and traversed the country, has of course a plan to propose, but he spoils his chances by being so very careless with his figures. For instance, there is no doubt that he is quite correct in his statement that Tonkin is never than Burma to Yunnanfu, the capital of the province, yet seven pages before he makes this assertion he prints the information that the distance from Kunlong is exactly the same as from Haiphong—namely, 535 miles. Again, speaking of the line now built up the Red River valley to Lookai, on the frontier of Yunnan, a distance of 248 miles, he says that the line is now being carried to Yunnanfu, a distance which he places at 240 miles on page 3 of his book, but at 237 on page 331. Now which of these figures does he wish us to take as correct? It is a trivial matter, perhaps, but one that irritates the conscientious reader, making him look askance at other statements as they are advanced in support of the argument.

English proposals for the peaceful penetration of China from Burma have varied considerably since 1881, when Captain SWIRE started the idea of opening up a trade route. We all know Mr. A. R. COLQUHOUN's proposals and how neither the Indian nor the Colonial office could entertain them owing to the enormous cost, the extreme difficulty of the country to be pierced, and the very problematical returns that were considered at all possible by practical men. Major DAVIES, who has travelled far and wide in these parts, and who commanded the Yunnan Company's first expedition of reconnaissance (1898-99), now unfolds a complete and a partial scheme. From Kunlong to the Yangtze is 1,000 miles; and "the greater part of the line would traverse exceedingly difficult country, necessitating in places a grade as steep as 1 in 25, and possibly a few short lengths of rack" while a metre-gauge line would cost some fifteen or twenty millions sterling, and would require at least ten years in construction. These figures most assuredly have a deterrent aspect. Major DAVIES, recognising this, suggests "that for the present the Burma Railway should be extended from Lashio to Kunlong, and the Yunnan Railway constructed from Kunlong to Yun Chou (145 miles), at a cost of a million and a half or two millions. Having thus made provision for keeping and extending the Western trade of China with Burma, and "given an earnest of our intention to connect Burma with Yunnanfu, we should be in a position to enter into negotiations with the French for a joint construction of that part of the line which would join Yunnanfu to the Yangtze." Granted; but there still remains the question what the Chinese may do; and the Chinese have been making up recently in this matter of railway building. We on the spot know how keen is the feeling at present among the Chinese not to allow any more foreign control of railway projects than can possibly be avoided, and if possible after the present lines now in course of construction are finished, the Chinese will insist on doing the rest themselves. As foreign onlookers we are constrained to say that in so doing China is making a very big blunder which she will bitterly regret at when too late. But that is neither here nor there for the present. Major DAVIES, like most people who have studied the subject, is a firm believer in the theory that China's present trade opportunities must wait until the

country by railways and in this he will find more people to agree with him. For ourselves we think that Great Britain, deterred by the bitter experience gained by France in connection with the building of the Yunnan railway, will hesitate a long time before trying to link up her Indian and Burmese railway systems with that of China. The day may arrive when it will be imperatively necessary to do so, but from present indications it would seem that that date is still very much afar off. As it is, French Colonial newspapers are insistent in their declarations that it is the British and not the French who are deriving the most benefit from the Yunnan railway, and though their assertions seem difficult to prove, there is evidently some fairly substantial grounds for their belief. Meanwhile the question of Great Britain tapping the resources of Yunnan by her own railway remains very much where it did when Colonel SWIRE first advocated his ambitious schemes.

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We are sorry to have been the all unwitting means of causing pain, distress and annoyance through the publication of the other evening of a speech delivered at a meeting convened by the liquidator of Messrs Cottam & Co., Ltd. We are assured that the imputations and grievances alluded to by Mr. Pettie were all duly enquired into during certain proceedings in chambers, and we may be sure that if grounds had been shown for public action against either promoters or directors such proceedings would have been ordered by His Honour the Chief Justice. Mr. Pettie's remarks also had no reference to the last manager of the Company, Mr. J. Beuzville, who also acted as liquidator of the company, and we gladly make the announcement as people unaware of the inner history of the Company might have been misled on reading the speech. Had we also been more fully cognizant of the Company's affairs we should certainly not have published the speech in question, for we are satisfied that no suggestions of dishonesty could be laid against the promoters or directors of the unfortunate concern.

THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

The meeting of the Legislative Council called for 2.30 o'clock this afternoon did not commence until 3.45.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. R. Scott Orr Stewart, a junior officer on the P. and O. steamer *Palmo*, died as the vessel was proceeding up the river to Shanghai last Thursday.

His Excellency the Governor has issued invitations for an "At Home" at Mount Lodge on Wednesday afternoon next. Tennis and croquet.

Mrs. Cornwell, wife of the Rev. Geo. Cornwell, whose death from *Anger's* at Chofoo we recorded recently, has since died from the disease. A family of six young children have thus been suddenly bereft of both parents.

Mr. Robert Womach, the discoverer of the celebrated Cripple Creek goldfield, has just died at Colorado Springs in a state of almost abject poverty. Womach sold his claim for \$100, and it subsequently produced gold worth \$26,000,000.

Mr. [Ransford] E. Miller, Japanese Secretary to the United States Embassy in Tokyo, after spending eighteen years in Japan has been transferred to Washington and appointed chief of the Far East Division of the State Department.

Bishop Jorge Barrios Imperial, the first Filipino elevated to the episcopal bench since the American occupation, has died at Rome. He was Bishop of Nueva Caceres, was born in 1850, received first orders in 1870 and was ordained in 1874.

CLAIM FOR MONEY LENT.

The case in which Oyager Shing and A. Souza to recover \$110 was mentioned before Mr. Justice Gompertz at the Supreme Court to-day.

Defendant said he had signed promissory notes for \$30 and \$80.

His Lordship—Have you paid interest—\$5 and \$4 a month.

His Lordship—All right, \$71—Yes.

The case was fixed for Tuesday.

HOW TO PREVENT BLOOD POISON.

CHLAMYDIA and gonorrhoea are the chief causes of blood poisoning. A doctor's advice should be taken immediately. A good medicine is one that not only gives prompt relief from pain, but being antiseptic, kills the wound without necessitating the use of antiseptics. What this medicine is, applied to the wound, is described in articles for sale by all chemists and druggists.

THE TYPHOON.

At an early hour this morning it was plainly apparent to the officials at the Observatory that the typhoon was passing well close to Hongkong and at 9 o'clock the warning signals were accordingly lowered. By noon it was known that the area of disturbance had moved into the vicinity of Hainan Straits, so all Hongkong residents from the dreaded visitor was a little much needed rain. But though the Colony has missed one typhoon, mariners are by no means clear of their troubles. The Observatory report speaks of another depression which is probably moving N.W. This may develop into a typhoon with a fairly wide radius and though it may not trouble Hongkong seriously it will make its presence felt very appreciably by vessels coming down from Japan.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

H. M. S. Thistle and the King Alfred are both entering the Mitsui Bishi dockyard at Nagasaki for repairs. A correspondent asks why the British Admiralty cannot place such work in the hands of British companies? Considering the deplorable slowness of trade in Hongkong the query is very pertinent.

Messrs Samuel Samuel & Co., of Yokohama, have converted themselves, under the Company laws of Hongkong, into a limited liability concern with a capital of one and a half million yen. Mr. E. C. Davis will be the managing director. The firm's branches are located in Yokohama (principal), Kobe, Osaka, Shimono-seki, Taipei, Tamsui and Yoko.

Mr. Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has introduced in the House of Commons the Development Fund Bill. The object of this bill is to enable the Treasury to make free grants for the purpose of developing forestry, agriculture, rural industries, the development of harbours and canals, improvement of fisheries and construction of new roads, primarily confined to motor traffic.

The National Committee to Promote the Break-up of the Poor Law, which came into existence at the beginning of May last, has now a membership of over 3,000, and branches have been formed in Scotland, Liverpool, and various large centres. The objects of the committee are the administration of the existing Poor Law on the lines laid down in the Minority Report of the Poor Law Commission. A vigorous campaign is being organised for the coming autumn.

A telegram from Rome states that the Maltese movement in Yemen has become acutely revolutionary. Several detachments of Ottoman troops have been annihilated, and the Revolutionaries are marching on Meccah. The local Governor has demanded reinforcements from Constantinople and may suggest to the Grand Vizier to ask the assistance of British and Italian warships in the Red Sea. The cruiser *Volpupo* has left Aden for Meccah to protect Italian interests.

The Acting Governor-General of the Philippines, Mr. Cameron Forbes, takes upon himself the full responsibility of deporting the twelve Chinese from Manila, which case aroused a good deal of discussion. Mr. Forbes says, "I can only hope that conditions will not make it necessary to take any such action at any future time." Most of the deportees are still in Amoy and their wives and children have been told that they are at liberty to join them.

The Editor of a Chinese paper in Japan and five other Chinese resident in Japan have arrived in Shanghai in order to advocate a boycott of Japanese goods. They have, says the *Shanghai Mercury*, paid visits to Chinese newspaper offices and Chinese Chambers of Commerce as well as the Shanghai Taichai. The local Chinese Chamber of Commerce is quite determined not to have a boycott here. Our contemporary understands that the Waiwupai has sent telegrams to Viceroy and Governor that the negotiations between China and Japan are progressing favourably and it is expected that the questions will be solved satisfactorily to both Powers and the provincial authorities should instruct people to keep calm and not attempt to boycott Japanese goods.

Owing to the strong spring tide, the Chinese Commercial S. N. Co's steamer *Hsing Shun* was swept on to H.M.S. *Olio*, as she lay at the senior naval buoy at Shanghai on Sept. 2nd. The jibboom of the *Olio* was carried away as well as some other parts of her head gear, while the bridge of the *Hsing Shun* was badly damaged, stanchions and other iron work being carried away. After a few minutes the two vessels got clear and the *Hsing Shun* getting astern of the *Olio* anchored in order to ascertain the amount of damage done on both vessels, after which she proceeded to her berth up the river near the Native City. An exactly similar mishap happened to the steamer *Huangping* which drifted down on H.M.S. *Fura* last year, and was sunk on the Foochow shore. It is fortunate that the *Olio* has no run as the *Fura* had advanced the *Hsing Shun* would probably have been sunk in two.

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AUSTRIAN MANOEUVRES.

His Majesty the Kaiser is attending the Austrian manoeuvres in Moravia. He is the guest of the Emperor Francis Joseph.

THE BUDGET.

Lord ROSEBERRY MAY MOVE ITS REJECTION.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 9.

The London Standard states that Lord Roseberry will move the rejection of the Budget in the House of Lords.

London, Sept. 10.

It is officially explained that the schedule outlining the maximum Port of London dues is simply a draft and does not represent a definite decision as to the charges.

TURCO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 9.

The Daily Telegraph's Constantinople correspondent states that the establishment of diplomatic relations between Turkey and Japan have been concluded, and that Japan has waived her demand that the Capitulations be extended to include Japanese subjects.

THE RUSSIAN NAVY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 10.

The Russian Admiralty is preparing a further shipbuilding programme which provides for four more Dreadnoughts in addition to those already laid down.

THE INDIAN ARMY.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

London, Sept. 10.

Lord Kitchener, in a farewell order to the Indian Army, praises its excellent work and emphasises the point that the Army is unaffected by the attempts which have been made to undermine the loyalty of the native soldiers.

C.Y.C. WATER CARNIVAL.

A water carnival under the auspices of the Hongkong Corinthian Yacht Club is to be held to-morrow, commencing at 4 p.m.

In each event there is a large number of entries and keen sport is anticipated. Machado's band will be in attendance and at the conclusion of the sports Mrs. Francis Clark has kindly consented to present the prizes to the successful competitors.

The Maharajah Parbatsingh, writing to *The Times*, strongly reprobates the murder of Sir William Curzon Wyllie which, he says, is absolutely in conflict with the tenets of the Hindu religion. He says that the great mass of Hindus never associate with the Anarchist propaganda which has fastened upon the morbid imaginations of a few individuals. Providence has placed India under the benign protection and government of the British throne, which has saved it from the internecine struggles of rulers before the British. Indians must, therefore, co-operate with the British for the regeneration of the country, approaching them in a reasonable spirit by constitutional means for redress of grievances.

"The Indian spirit of loyalty," he adds, "is opposed to the nefarious doctrine of anarchy, and the Princes of India do not sympathise with the doings of anarchists."

THE REV. H. O. SPINK.

New Incumbent of St. Andrew's.

By the P. and O. steamer *Somali*, on the 22nd inst., the Rev. H. O. Spink, the new incumbent of St. Andrew's, Kowloon, will arrive to take up his duties. The reverend gentleman is accompanied by his sister and a welcome is to be extended to him in the form of a conversation. Friends and members will no doubt assemble in large numbers to extend a hearty welcome to the Rev. H. O. and Miss Spink.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

S. A. Marston and Leo Wilson, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court to-day, to receive \$14, the price of a cycle. Judgment was given for plaintiff.

Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this morning, gave judgment for Prem Singh, for \$15 a month, against N. A. Beltram, the claim being for \$140 money lent.

Leung Chung Lai obtained judgment, before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court this morning, against J. V. Dodd for \$200, being money due under a promissory note.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard, President of the Council, presided at the meeting of the Legislative Council, which was held this afternoon. There were also present:—
Hon. Mr. A. M. T. Jones, Acting Director of Public Works.
Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, Acting Colonial Treasurer.
Hon. Mr. A. W. Brown, Registrar General.
Hon. F. J. Badley, Capt. Sept. of Police.
Hon. Dr. Ho Kai.
Hon. Mr. Wai Yik, C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewitt.
Hon. Mr. E. Osborne.
Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart.
Mr. C. Clement (Clerk of Council).

CRIMINAL LAW AMENDMENT.
Hon. Attorney General moved the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Magistrates and Criminal Law Amendment Ordinance, 1909.
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a second time and eventually passed.

MALICIOUS DAMAGE.
Committee stage on the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend the Malicious Damage Ordinance 1865 was resumed.
The Bill passed through Committee with slight amendments and was passed.

MINISTERIAL DUTIES.
The Bill entitled An Ordinance to relieve the Governor-in-Council of certain ministerial duties was considered in committee and passed.

IMPORT DUTY ON LIQUORS.

Government Proposal Outlined.
At this afternoon's meeting of the Hong Kong Legislative Council, the Hon. Attorney General (Sir Henry Berkeley) moved the first reading of a Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the collection of a Revenue of Excise upon Intoxicating Liquors.
The Bill provides that there shall be paid upon intoxicating liquors hereafter imported into, distilled, made or prepared in the Colony the following duties:—
On all spirituous liquors, \$3.20 per gallon.
On all sparkling wines, \$2.00 per gallon.
On all still wines, \$1.33 per gallon.
On all other intoxicating liquors, including native wines and spirits, \$0.32 per gallon.
On all native wines and spirits, \$0.10 per gallon.
It shall be lawful for the Legislative Council at any time by resolution to alter or amend all or any of the foregoing duties.
Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded.
His Excellency the Governor said that several weeks before the resolution to increase licence fees was introduced in Council the comparative systems of raising revenue by increasing the fees or by imposing import duties had received his most careful and earnest consideration. When he spoke of that resolution he used the words that "beyond all doubt it seems to me the simplest and fairest one and the one most advantageous to the revenue would be the imposition, so far as European liquors are concerned, of import duties." The difficulties of imposing the fees which were the subject of the previous resolution seemed to him then to be very serious. He was aware that they would tend to create a monopoly in the hands of capitalists, who may put up the price of liquor without any limit. He was aware also that the increased fees would create a hardship on some of the smaller dealers and might even result in their ruin. He foresaw also that it would be necessary to have licensed port upon the various clubs either on the turn-over or by licensing them. He was aware that it was inevitable to increase private imports by non-licensing. Proceeding, His Excellency said the resolution proposing new fees resulted, as he had expected, in focusing public attention upon the question of the best methods of raising revenue on intoxicating liquors, and he then went on to outline some of the difficulties of the situation. He admitted that for himself he was a willing convert to the system of import duties and was anxious to give it a trial. He went on to explain that under the Bill there would be the minimum possible duties and smuggling preventive services. His Excellency asserted that the Bill was based on the Liquor Ordinance of the Straits Settlements and said the duties proposed to be imposed were the same. They were roughly speaking, one-half of the existing duties at present levied in England. His Excellency went on to outline the proposals of the measure and said it would in no way affect this port as a distributing centre; it only imposed a duty on liquor consumed in the Colony. The Bill was accordingly in the nature of a heavy levy because it was inevitable when a new duty was imposed that it should be passed with effect, in order to guard against importation. He hoped that the Bill would be passed at the next meeting. The Bill was only provisional and he would undertake to introduce as soon as possible a consolidating ordinance so that members might have an opportunity to deal with the question of licensed fees existing ordinances which were not at all dealt with by the Bill before Council. There was no intention on the part of the Government, when the schedule was amended, to increase the existing licence fees. As to the powers of search provided for by the Bill, they were necessary, but it would be his special care to see that they were not arbitrarily or unnecessarily used. He hoped, in fact, that the powers would in practice be a dead letter, because no one was more anxious to maintain law and order than the Government was. The sole object of the Government was to deal with the matter in a way to inflict the least possible inconvenience to the community and the least disturbance of trade.

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PRINCE TSAI HSUN RETURNS FROM CANTON

About 10.30 o'clock this morning Prince Tsai Hsun and Admiral Sah returned from Canton by the Chinese steamer Hai Shieh. The distinguished visitors were accompanied by Vice-roy Tuen Shi Hsin, General Tam Chi, Admiral Li, Major-General Fu Chi and Chiu Muk. His Excellency Kao Erh Chien and a number of high officials at Canton who came specially to see His Imperial Highness off.

An official landing took place at Blake Pier soon after 12 o'clock, the guard of honour, 100 rank and file, being provided by the Buffs Regiment. A salute of 21 guns was also fired. Headed by the band of the regiment and a police escort the distinguished visitors proceeded to Government House, and were entertained to dinner by His Excellency Sir Frederick Lugard.

Those invited to the luncheon included His Excellency Kao Erh Chien, Captain Wu, Kwong Tsung, Commodore Lyon, Lieut. Blanche, Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, Mr. P. H. N. Jones, Mr. A. H. Harris, Hon. Mr. Henry Berkeley, E.C., Hon. Mr. McL. Messer, Sir Paul Chater, Hon. E. A. Hewitt, Hon. A. W. Brown, Captain Badley, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Hon. Mr. Yick, Hon. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Hon. Mr. E. Osborne, Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, Mr. D. R. Law, Mr. J. M. R. Smith, Lau Chi Pak, Ng Li Hing and Mr. Justice Gompertz, and Tsai Wan.

After luncheon His Excellency proposed the toast of "The King" which was loyally received.

Subsequently Sir Frederick proposed the toast of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China and doing so His Excellency said:—We have to-day the pleasure and privilege of welcoming His Royal Highness, who, as President of the Board of Admiralty, in which large office he succeeds his illustrious father Prince Chun, is visiting the seaboard of China and is about to proceed to Europe to study naval matters. In the past, as in the present, our nation has ever been ready to assist China in training her naval officers, and we have with us to-day, in the person of Admiral Sah, a very distinguished naval officer who began his naval education in Great Britain. I am glad that the first foreign community to welcome His Royal Highness in his tour is a British Colony, and we can all assure him of a most cordial welcome and assistance in his project when he visits England. I propose the health of His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of China and I ask you to couple with it the name of His Royal Highness and to wish him success and a pleasant voyage.

His Imperial Highness replied in felicitous terms, his speech being interpreted by Tsai Wan.

Prince and Admiral Sah will leave for the north to-morrow.

For four hours after on July 28th, a column of smoke, with guns, wound through the little town of Farnham. It was the major portion of Major-General Grierson's division of 15,000 men at full war strength and under war conditions that was marching on Farnham. The division left the Long Valley just before noon and marched in three portions, each taking a different route—one by Cooksbury, one by Dippenham, and the main portion through Farnham.

KOWLOON AND VICTORIA SCHOOLS.

The Kowloon and Victoria British Schools report after the holidays on Tuesday, September 14th. The results of the examination are as follows:—

HONGKONG SERVICE NOTES.
In the Buffs Inter-Company Water Polo League the further games have been played which alter the positions of the two leading Companies, and in the event of neither of them being defeated a deciding match will have to be played for premier position. Results of six rounds:—
O beat B 7 Goals to 0.
F beat H 6 Goals to 1.
E beat D 9 Goals to 1.

The match between G. Co. and A. Co. has not yet been played.
Draw for seventh round:—B. Co. v. G. Co.; E. Co. v. D. Co.; C. Co. v. A. Co.; F. Co. v. H. Co. To be played in the R. E. Chamber on or before the 20th inst.

The League Table now reads:—
Team. W. D. L. Goals For. Goals Against.
B. Co. 6 0 0 13 3 15
C. Co. 5 0 0 13 7 15
A. Co. 4 0 1 13 4 13
G. Co. 3 0 3 17 13 9
D. Co. 2 0 5 7 28 3
H. Co. 1 0 5 6 28 3
E. Co. 0 0 6 1 34 0
Three points for a win and one for a draw.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS.
The opening of the football season is being looked forward to by the enthusiasts with an interest which in former years was completely lacking. There can be little doubt that the forming of the League has all to do with the added interest, as no team can be expected to do its Club or Regiment justice in a competition of this kind without a plentiful supply of efficient players.

LAWN BOWLS.
Mr. W. Russell presided at a meeting of the Committee of the Hong Kong Lawn Bowls Championship held last night, when it was reported that the total entries numbered 74, comprising 28 from Kowloon B.G. Club, 14 from Tai Kok, 13 from the Police and Civil Service Club, 5 from Cosmopolitan and 3 Independent players. It was agreed that after deducting small incidental expenses the entry fees be allocated as follows:—50 per cent. for first prize, 25 per cent. for second prize, 10 per cent. for third prize and 10 per cent. for fourth prize. It was further decided that the decision of the committee as to the definition of a neutral green be final. It was also resolved that the first round be completed within a fortnight of publication of the list provided that, in the discretion of the committee, the weather be suitable, a condition which will apply to all classes. The draw for the preliminary round resulted as follows:—
M. Moter v. P. R. Adams.
J. Ogry v. A. Grace.
H. Dimes v. D. Harvey.
R. Blake v. W. S. Higgins.
W. Fisher v. T. Ramsey.
L. Leppley v. A. E. Robinson.
G. K. Easton v. D. Gow.
P. Farrell v. G. R. Edwards.
G. Addison v. W. Cooper.
A. Henderson v. K. W. Dawson.

The following were the winners in the preliminary round:—
M. Moter, P. R. Adams, J. Ogry, A. Grace, H. Dimes, D. Harvey, R. Blake, W. S. Higgins, W. Fisher, T. Ramsey, L. Leppley, A. E. Robinson, G. K. Easton, D. Gow, P. Farrell, G. R. Edwards, G. Addison, W. Cooper, A. Henderson, K. W. Dawson.

TOKYO LETTER.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Tokyo, August 29.
The damage sustained by the leading fire insurance companies in consequence of the recent fire in Osaka is reported to have been heavier than estimated immediately after the disaster. The amounts which have been paid are as follows:—Tokyo-Mitsui, Yen 321,200; the Nippon, Yen 1,211,064; the Meiji, Yen 490,883; the Tokyo, Yen 1,583,227; the Tokai, Yen 642,000; the Osaka, Yen 109,924; and the Kobe, Yen 390,000, making a total of Yen 4,000,000, in round figures. These sums do not include damage of re-insurances, so that the actual loss is said to be more enormous still.

As prophesied in my previous letters, the proposed amalgamation of the electrical companies in Tokyo is still unaccomplished. The Tokyo representative of the American Electric Company has received instructions from his head office in New York to suspend negotiations with the Japanese Companies. The Americans were not satisfied with the conditions put forward by the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, which has a special connection in China with the industry. Mr. Uyehara of the Mitsui, and the Tokyo representative of the American company have left Tokyo for New York, where they will conduct further negotiations.

It is reported by the Railway Department that when the proposed new bridge over the Yala in connection with the Atsumi-Mukden Railway is completed, it will be possible to travel from Tokyo to Mukden in seventy hours. By the present route via Dairen the journey takes some 110 hours.

The Bank of Japan held its half-yearly meeting on the 21st inst. The net profit for the first half of this year was reported to be Yen 3,092,495.4, which a balance of Yen 1,480,877.92, brought from the previous accounts, was added, making a total of Yen 4,573,373.46. From this sum, the following allocations were made:—Yen 900,000 as a legal dividend at the rate of 6 per cent; Yen 1,500,000, as reserve; Yen 219,000 as bonus and special allowance to officials and other employees; Yen 900,000 as special dividend at the rate of 6 per cent. The remainder was carried forward to the next account.

A new scandal is reported in connection with the East Asia Sugar Refining Company, two of the directors of which have been apprehended. It is said that Mr. Kuribayashi and Mr. Okubo, the arrested directors, placed in the hands of a shareholder a sum of Yen 300,000, which money belonged to the firm, and engaged in speculative business. They lost the money in the course of the transactions, which extended over about a year. In order to conceal the affair, the directors are said to have spread false rumours that the company was in a state of liquidation and that the shareholders were to receive a dividend of 10 per cent. The company was established two years ago with a capital of 2,000,000, one quarter of which was paid up.

The leading Chambers of Commerce and members of Japan who have a close connection with the Chinese trade intend to invite a number of prominent Chinese business men to visit Japan with a view to improving the business relations between the two countries. It is said by the committee of the East Asia Society that a better understanding between the business communities of the two nations is most desirable and that there is no better means to be taken for this purpose than to adopt the system of international visits by traders. The Hokkai, commenting on the business relations between China and Japan, expresses regret that they are not on a better footing and deplores the fact that although China is a neighbour and also a good customer of Japan, an antagonistic sentiment is reflected in the boycotting that so often occurs in China. He believes that such feeling is created by conservative circles.

The author of the Yokohama District Court and Revenue Bureau are reported to be endeavouring to collect evidence from some German and Japanese salt traders who are under suspicion of having smuggled salt from Germany. It appears that they shipped salt in bulk instead of packing it in bags, which method rendered it difficult to estimate the total weight of the cargo. Thus they imported large quantities for some time, of course producing the usual increase in the salt duty. The duty on salt is very high in Japan as the commodity is a government monopoly. The rate is Yen 2.30 per 100 catties while the price for sale is only Yen 1.23 the margin being 46 per cent. The foreign salt traders are of course insured in the transaction, leaving but an insignificant profit to the traders. Mr. Hamaguchi, the Director of the Salt Monopoly Bureau, says that there was no definite ground for suspicion of smuggling beyond the fact that the product was sold at a very low rate in the open market.



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MAEDONIA 10000	March 19	(Through steamer calling at Bombay)	April 19	April 25
DEVANTA 8000	April 5	MONGOLIA 10000	April 30	May 6
ABATE 7000	April 19	MORABA 11000	May 14	May 20
DELTA 9000	April 30	MOOTAN 10000	May 28	June 3
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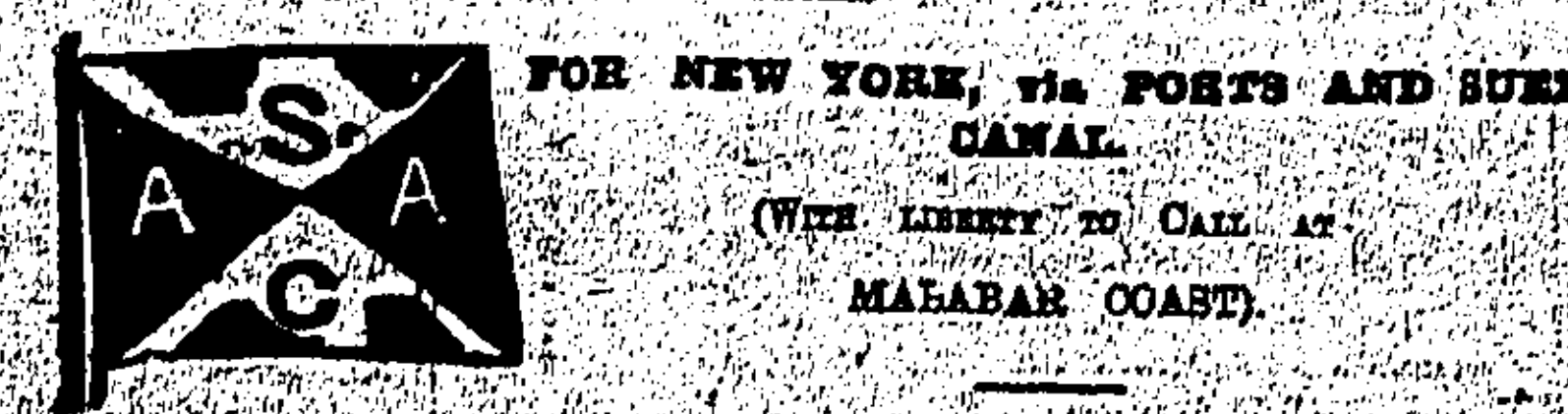
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FOR NEW YORK, via PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.
(Will likely to call at MALABAR COAST).
S.S. INDRA PURA
On 17th September, 1909.
For Freight and further information apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Agents.

Shipping PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

s.s. 'MAEDONIA,' 10,500 tons, CAPTAIN C. D. BENNETT, R.N.R.

THIS THROUGH MAIL STEAMER FOR
MARSEILLES AND LONDON, via BOMBAY,
WILL leave Hongkong on MARCH 19th, 1910, staying
at Bombay 24 hours only and is due to arrive at—
MARSEILLES... April 16th.
LONDON... April 26th.

FARES TO LONDON—
1st Saloon £21.10 Single £21.10 Return £42.20
2nd " £18.8 " £18.8 " £37.6
For further particulars apply to
E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.
Hongkong, August 13, 1909.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

HONGKONG—SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS.

HIGHEST-CLASS, fastest and most luxurious Steamers on the Coast, having
splendid Accommodation for First-Class Passengers. Electric Light and First-
Class Cuisine.
STEAMERS FOR
RAIMON SWATOW... SUNDAY, 12th
Capt. J. W. Evans, Sept. at Noon.
HAICHING SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW... TUESDAY, 14th
Capt. J. W. Evans, Sept. at 2 p.m.
HAICHING SWATOW, AMOY & FOCHOW... FRIDAY, 17th
Capt. J. W. Evans, Sept. at 2 p.m.
For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and
depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).
A reduction of 20 per cent on First-Class Fares to Fochow will be
made during the months of August and September.
For Freight and Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS, LAPRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, November 17, 1908.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

MAIL TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE.
(SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
EMPIRE	Sept. 21	16th Sept. at Noon.
EASTERN	Oct. 12	13th Oct. at Noon.
ALDENHAM		10th Nov. at Noon.

THE above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful
supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity.
All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A fully qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried.
For further particulars, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, November 2, 1908.

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

STEAM FOR BOMBAY
via SINGAPORE AND PENANG.
Having connection with Company's Mail
Steamers to Port Said, Alexandria,
Naples, Livorno and Genoa, also
Venice and Trieste, all Mediterranean
Ports, Adriatic, Levantine and North
African Ports up to Oran.
(Taking Cargo at through rates to Penang,
Singapore, Batavia, also BOMBAY,
VALPARAISO, ALEXANDRIA and MALAGA).
THE Steamship
CAPTAIN DIETZ, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 11th inst., at Noon.
For further particulars regarding Freight
and Passage, apply to
CARLWITZ & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 7, 1909. 1141

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship
CAPTAIN B. CORON, will leave for the
above places on FRIDAY, the 17th inst.
The steamer has capital accommodation
for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries
a Doctor and Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WILHELM & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1142

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

STEAM TO
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND
KOBE.
THE Co.'s Steamship
AUSTRIA,
Captain B. CORON, will leave for the
above places on FRIDAY, the 17th inst.
The steamer has capital accommodation
for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries
a Doctor and Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WILHELM & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1143

CHARGEURS REUNIS CO. FRENCH STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

REGULAR FREIGHT SERVICE
TO SAN FRANCISCO, MEXICO, PERU,
CHILE, RIVER PLATE, BRAZIL.
THE Steamship of the Chargeurs Reunis
Co. will leave for San Francisco, PERU
TO SAN FRANCISCO, without any call
en route, thus affording a fast regular cargo
service from China and Japan to San
Francisco.
THE S.S. ANIMAL DUPRE
will be despatched for San Francisco on
the 12th September, and will call at
San Francisco on the 15th September.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WILHELM & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 9, 1909. 1144

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO. LIMITED.

STEAM TO
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THE Co.'s Steamship
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a Doctor and Stewardess.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SANDER, WILHELM & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1145

Shipping PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STRAITS, ORIENT, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEK, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN, PORTS, PENANG, AND LONDON.

Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA,
PERSIAN GULF, CON-
TINENTAL, AMERICAN AND
SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship 484173, Captain
O. J. JONES, R.N., carrying H.M.
Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from
this for BOMBAY, &c., with Passengers
and Mails, on SATURDAY, the 18th Sep-
tember, 1909, at Noon, taking Passengers
and Cargo for the above ports in connection
with the Company's Steamship, MORA,
11,000 tons, from Colombo. Passengers
accommodation in which vessel is secured
before departure from Hongkong.
Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for Persia
and the East (including steamers) will
be transhipped at Colombo into the mail
steamer proceeding to Marseilles and
London; other cargo for London, &c., will
be conveyed by the R.M.S. Egypt,
due in London on the 30th October,
1909.
Parcels will be received at this Office
until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The
contents and value of all packages are
required.
For further Particulars apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, September 4, 1909. 1138

AUSTRIAN NAVIGATION LLOYD'S STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

STEAM FOR
VIENNA AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at
SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA,
COLOMBO, ADEK, SUEZ AND
PORT SAID.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to the
BRITISH RED SEA, BLACK SEA,
LEVANT, VIENNA AND ADEK PORTS.)

THE Company's Steamship
CAPTAIN TABARONIA, will be despatched as
above on or about SATURDAY, the 25th
September.
This Steamer has capital accommodation
for passengers, Electric Light, and
carries a Doctor.
For information as to Passage and
Freight, apply to
SANDER, WILHELM & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, August 27, 1909. 1084

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS, LTD.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.
THE Steamship
CAPTAIN G. O. O'CONNOR, will be despatched
as above on or about 27th September.
For Freight or Passage apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Agents.
Hongkong, September 4, 1909. 1137

WORTH REINSURE AND MARITIME INSURANCE COMPANY.

TOTAL FUND AS 31st DECEMBER, 1908,
£13,114,581.
Authorized Capital £2,000,000
Subscribed Capital £1,000,000
Paid-up Capital £500,000 0 0
1st Five Years £500,000 0 0
1st Five Years £500,000 0 0
Sinking Fund Account £500,000 0 0
Revenue Fire Insurance £2,500,000 12 1
Fire & Marine £1,847,224 12 1
Sinking Fund Account £500,000 0 0
The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
Marine Insurance are held from liability to
pay of each other.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

WEEKLY NEWS FOR HOME

The Overland China Mail

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SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY

SHORTEST AND QUICKEST ROUTE BETWEEN
THE FAR EAST AND EUROPE,
VIA DAIRIN.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

THRU WEEKLY EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICE, composed of a...
in connection with the Trans-Siberian Express Trains and with the Dairen-Shanghai
Direct Steamer Service by the S.S. 'Kobe Maru' and 'Saido Maru' (3,377 tons each)
as follows:—

NORTHBOUND.			
Leave—Shanghai (Steamer)	Thursday	Saturday or Sunday	
Arrive—Dairen	Saturday	Monday or Tuesday	
Leave—Dairen	Sunday	Tuesday	
Arrive—Mukden	Monday	Wednesday	
Arrive—Changchun	Tuesday	Thursday	
Arrive—Harbin (Russian Train)	Wednesday	Friday	
Arrive—Harbin	Thursday	Saturday	
Connecting at Harbin with State Express for Moscow.			

SOUTHBOUND.			
Leave—Harbin (Russian Train)	9 a.m.	Thursday	State Ex-press from Moscow.
Arrive—Changchun	8 p.m.	Friday	State Ex-press from Moscow.
Arrive—Mukden	2 p.m.	Saturday	State Ex-press from Moscow.
Arrive—Dairen	2.30 a.m.	Sunday	State Ex-press from Moscow.
Arrive—Shanghai	12.30 p.m.	Monday	State Ex-press from Moscow.

* Russian Train time is 23 minutes earlier than S.M.R. time.
TICKET AGENTS—The Company's railway and steamer tickets are obtain-
able at all the Agencies of the International Sleeping Car & Express Train Co. and
Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son.
RAILWAY HOTELS—YAMATO HOTEL (Tel. Add. "Yamato") at Dairen
(with enlarged accommodation), Port Arthur and Changchun, all under the Company's
management.
Fresh stock always on hand at Dairen and Neuchang Depots.
SOUTH MANCHURIA RAILWAY COMPANY, Dairen.
Tel. Add. "Manchuria" Code: A.R.C. 5th Ed., A.I. & Lieber's.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES:
THE Steamship
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH,
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
verbally informed that their Goods, with the
exception of Optics, Treasure and Val-
ables, are being landed and stored at the
Company's Wharf, and/or their
Warehouses, Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company,
Limited, Kowloon, and West Point, where
wholesale delivery may be obtained.
No claims will be admitted after the
expiry of the above period, and all goods
remaining undelivered after the 15th of
September, 1909, will be subject to sale.
All Broken Glass and Damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined by the 15th of September.
All claims must reach us before the 15th
of September, 1909, or they will not be
recognised.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
the Company's Agents, and will be subject
to the conditions of the Company's
General Regulations.
This Steamship brings Cargo
from Hamburg, via Rotterdam, Antwerp,
Port Said, Suez, Straits, and Port
Said.
NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MEYERHOFER & CO.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1140

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM PORTLAND AND JAPAN
PORTS.
CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship
BENEDIK ISEN.
The above named steamer, having
arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
notified to send in their Bills of Lading for
countersignature, and to take immediate
delivery of Cargo from alongside.
Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel
will be discharged at once, at Consignees
risk and expense.
Cargo remaining on board after MON-
DAY, September 13th, 1909, at Noon, will
be landed and stored at Consignees' risk
and expense.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
All cargo undelivered on SATURDAY,
September 11th, 1909, at Noon, will be
subject to sale.
All damaged and otherwise damaged cargo
will be examined at the above Company's
Godowns on THURSDAY, September 9th,
1909, at 10 a.m.
S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.
Hongkong, September 8, 1909. 1139

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S
STEAMER OCEYON, will leave for
SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA,
COLOMBO, ADEK, SUEZ AND
PORT SAID, STRAITS AND
COLOMBO.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named vessel are hereby informed that
their Goods, being landed at
SINGAPORE, PENANG, CALCUTTA, COLOMBO,
ADEK, SUEZ AND PORT SAID, will be
examined at the above Company's
Godowns at Kowloon, where each con-
signment will be received at Mark by Mark
daily, can be obtained at noon at the
Godowns are landed.
Optional Goods will be landed here unless
instructions are given to the contrary
before 6 hours.
Goods not cleared by the 15th inst., at
4 p.m., will be subject to sale.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case.
Damage to Packages must be notified to the
Company's representatives at the Godowns
as an appointed hour.
All damaged goods remaining on board at
the expiry of the above period, will be
subject to sale.
No Claims will be admitted after the
expiry of the above period.
The Company's representatives at the
Godowns are:—
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Hongkong, September

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

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